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SUBJECT.

Passing orders in regard to the right of the occupants over the Stone mantapams belonging to the Sri Ganga dharaswaraswamy temple at Sivaganga, Melawanjala Taluk

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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT

OFFICE NOTE.

File No.

SUBJECT

In re The mis-appropriation of Stone Mantaps belonging to the Sri Gangadhareswara Swamy Temple at Sivaganga.

From

The Amildar, Melamangala Taluk.

No. 3300 Dated 3 2/11 March 1905.

Ref 42/898, dt 28-8-04. (Hag R)

The Amildar of the Melamangala Taluk reported to this office as follows:— He inspected Sivaganga on the 12th hour 11/11 last and found that Stone Mantaps built by Palegar Kampe Gowda on both sides of the road had been made use of by the residents for dwelling purpose. Some of these mantaps (about 69) had been extended on the side facing the road so as to give an awkward shape. During jatras, many people assemble there and shops are opened for want of space on the road.

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thereby rendering it so intricate as not to admit of processions to pass through freely. When he summoned the important members of the village and questioned them as to whether they had any objection to part with these mantaps, they were forward in saying that if these mantaps were taken back from the people and allowed to remain as before, it would add to the beauty of the village, but no one was willing to act up to what he said

On 4-8-04, Some deposed that, in ancient times, their forefathers were living in a town, which was situated to the north of Krishnarajpet Thope and went by the name of Gangapatna; that a famine visited the place and carried away many inhabitants; that the remnants left the town, came to Srirangapatna and occupied these mantaps; and that, as time glided on, they turned them into houses and settled in them. (Flag 'I'

Many stated that the Palegar built these mantaps with a view to accommodate the devotees resorting to the Sri Gangadhareswara Swamy Temple in the village and to make use of them for purposes of holding shops

in times of yabras

One Annadani Sastry petitions the Taluk office to the effect that a stone mantap, which was close to his house in Sivaganga was threatening to fall and as it was Govt property, it should be pulled down and the stones thereof removed at the cost of Govt - On a Mahazar, of 8th June 1907 many have stated that the mantaps belong to the aforesaid temple;

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When the people were given to understand that they would be proceeded against Criminally for having misappropriated Govt property some of them stated that they had received the mantaps in question from the Palegar, but they had no documentary evidence in support of their claim. Their contention cannot stand, for they have already

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deposed that the mantaps belong to the temple -

The Amildar suggests that either the people may be called upon to build houses on sites selected by Govt on payment of a small compensation, or that necessary steps may be taken against them and thereby the mantaps taken back or that the cost of mantaps may be recovered from the parties concerned and a Musafar Khana constructed for the benefit of devotees, who find it hard, owing to heavy rains during jatras, to accommodate T

The place was inspected by the Secretary during his recent tour.

The Amildar has again reported that the people have agreed, before the Secretary, to the fact that these mantaps were built

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by Palegar Kempe Gowda; that they belong to the Sri Gangadhareswara swamy temple and that they have no right in them and prays that necessary steps may be taken in the matter.

Submitted for orders.

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Muzrai Secretary's Remarks.

The village of Sivaganga consists of but one main street, running from east to west Towards the western end is the Sivaganga Matt and opposite to it is the flight of steps leading to the Sri Gangadhareswaraswami temple on the hill. The whole street consists of two long rows of Mantaps built in line opposite to each other. They are said to have been constructed by Palegar Kempe Gowda in former days. It would appear that a big town existed in a separate locality in former days and the rows of Mantaps above mentioned were in-

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tended

purely for the accommodation of devotees and pilgrims. The town having subsequently fallen into ruin, the Mantaps became gradually occupied and were converted into dwelling houses, and some of the houses have trenched upon the main street, obstructing the free passage of the Ootsavams and the car of the temple. The present occupants admit that the Mantaps were originally temple properties, but some of them say that they were given to them by Kempe Gowda himself, that they have been in long and uninterrupted enjoyment, and that they have incurred much cost. They have however no documents in support of their right to the Mantaps.

2. It is doubtful what the Courts of law will decide as to the rights of the occupants to these Mantaps. Further, it is perhaps undesirable to oust all these occupants and depopulate the village. To perpetuate however the right of the temple over these Mántapa, which is undisputed, I think that Mutchalikas hould be obtained from all the occupants to the effect at they admit the right of the temple to the ownership

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of the Mantaps and that Orders should be issued that encroachments should be strictly prohibited in future. As regards the encroachments already effected, it does not seem possible for Government now to interfere.

3. It may at the same time be considered whether, in the exercise of the right of ownership belonging to the temple, a small rent may not be recovered annually for each of the Mantaps now under private occupation.

Submitted to the Dewan

thro' the II Councillor. 5/6/05

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I accept proposal may be given effect to if feasible. The occupants of the mantapa known as Periyapatna might be asked to furnish details of land measured and forwarded to the Amildar.

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I am afraid it is a stale claim but if they agree Manevs offer Watte Mumbelikas as a first step Thereby regain a lost right

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Office - Put up a draft for appl

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Issue the draft put up 13/7/05

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(Note Co: [illegible])

In this office Letter no 682 dated 2nd August 1905, the Deputy Commr, Bangalore Dt was requested to obtain Muchalikas from all the occupants of the Mantapas to the effect that they admit the right of the temple to the ownership of the Mantapas and that they will not make any further encroachments, ~~and the~~ and to ask the Amildar to see that no encroachments are made in the public street and that no disused Mantapas are converted into private dwellings in future.

Letter no 49 dt 26th Nov 1907.

In reply the Deputy Commr reports that the Mantapams are built in two rows opposite to each other at Sivaganga, that

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the Amildar has obtained a
Mutchalika from the present
occupants of the Mantapams
to the effect that they are only
the temporary occupants and
that they have no right over them.
It is also reported that a list of
Mantapams both occupied and
unoccupied has been prepared
and kept in the Taluk Office for
reference and that necessary orders
have been issued to the village
officials not to allow any body
to occupy the vacant Mantapams
As Submitted with a draft Order
recording the Dy: Comm'r report.

Submitted:-

Perhaps nothing more
is at present required to be done, as the
occupants have by their Mutchalika, disclaimed
of the Mantapas. The draft recording the
report may be approved.

Issue the draft
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To, Record file

Yes please
31/7/05

The Deputy Commr
Bangalore Dt.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith in original the Kumsi correspondence ending with the Nelamangala Sheristadar's Report no 114/3300 dated 3rd March 1905, regarding the stone mantaps built opposite to each other at Sivaganga. These mantaps

Sir,

The village of Sivaganga in the Nelamangala Taluk consists of but one main street, running from East to West. The whole street consists of two long rows of Mantaps built in line ~~opposite to each other. These~~ are said to have been constructed by Polegar Kempe Gowda in former days, for the accommodation of devotees & pilgrims visiting Sivaganga for worshipping at the Sri Gangadhareswara Swami temple there. ~~& pilgrims~~

2. ~~The Mantaps appear to~~ When I visited Sivaganga

~~in March last I found Kumbakonam Mantaps being [illegible] because [illegible]~~

~~occupied and~~ converted

into dwelling houses,
and occupied by private individuals, and some of the houses
~~are~~ ~~Some of which have~~
have now largely
~~now~~ trenched upon the

main Street, obstructing

the free passage of the Utsavams

and the Car of the Temple.

~~Some of~~ the present occupants admitted ~~[illegible]~~
~~During my visit~~
~~to Sivaganga, I met~~ ~~Some~~ of the

~~present occupants admitted~~

~~that~~ the Mantaps were

originally temple property, while
~~two~~ a few ~~of them~~ others appear to have stated

that the Mantaps were given

to them by Kempe Gowda himself

~~although they~~ have no documentary
The Letter

documents in support
of their statement.
~~their right to the~~
~~mountains~~ The Aumildar
of the Nelamangala Taluk
in his Report No. 3300 of
3rd. March 1905, states
that most of the occupants
have, in a Mahazar of
8th January 1901, admitted
that the mountains belong
to the Sri Gangadhareswara
Swami temple. ——

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~~6.~~ ~~Under these~~
~~circumstances~~, I am
under these circs
~~temple~~, directed to request the
favour of You obtaining
Muchalikas from the all

occupants ~~as a first~~ to the appeal and thus
~~step of progress to regain~~ admit the right of
the temple to the ownership
the right of the temple in question,
to the Mantaps in question and that they will not make any further
and forward the same encroachments.
~~As regards the~~
~~encroachments adverted~~
~~to in the 3rd~~
~~appeal the Govt~~
~~are of opinion that~~
~~no~~
~~steps need not be taken~~
3. The Amildar should
~~for the present~~
at the same time be asked
~~to direct~~
to see that no encroachments
~~are made~~
are made on the public street
~~and the~~
and the no dressed Mantaps
are converted into
residences
4. On
This case
reported to Govt
~~accordingly~~

I have the
honour to
be
Sir
Your most obedient
servant
[illegible]
28/7/05

I have the honour
to be
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Your most obedient
servant
[illegible]
31/7/05

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GOVERNMENT OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT,

DATED BANGALORE, 2d August 1905

FROM

L. ANANTASAMI RAO, ESQ., B.A.,

SECRETARY TO THE GOVT OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,

Bangalore District.

SIR,

I am directed to forward herewith in original the Kanarese correspondence ending with the Nelamangala Amildar's Report No. 114/3300 dated 3rd March 1905 regarding the 2 rows of stone Mantaps built opposite to each other at Sivaganga. These Mantaps are said to have been constructed by Pollegar Kempe Gowda in former days, for the accommodation of devotees and pilgrims visiting Sivaganga for worshipping at the Sri Ganga dhareswaraswami temple there.

2. When I visited Sivaganga in March last I found these Mantaps converted into dwelling houses, and occupied by private ~~parties~~ individuals, and some of the houses ~~of which~~ have now largely trenched upon the main street, obstructing the free passage of the Utsavams and the car of the temple. Some of the present occupants are reported to have admitted that the Mantaps

were originally temple property, while a few others appear to have stated that the Mantaps were given to them by Kempe Gowda himself. The latter have however no documents in support of their statement. The Amildar of the Nelamangala Taluk in his report No. 3300 dated 3rd March 1905, states that most of the occupants have in a Mahazar dated 8th June 1901, admitted that the Mantaps belonged to the Sri Gangadhareswaraswami temple.

3. I am under these circumstances directed to request the favour of your obtaining Mutchalikas from all the occupants to the effect that they admit the right of the temple to the ownership of the Mantaps in question, and that they will not make any further encroachments.

4. The Amildar should at the same time be asked to see that no encroachments are made in the public Street and that no disused Mantaps are converted into private dwellings in future.

The action taken on this communication should be reported to Government.

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Fair draft) 1905

S e c r e t a r y.

1907.8.

From

The Dy. Commissioner
Bangalore Dist.

To

The Secy. to Govt. of Mysore
Muzrai Dept.

Dated 26.

Despatched 28 November 907

Received

General No.

M.S No. 49

Enclosure No. Three

His N°. 682 of 2.8.05

States re the two rows
of Mantapams at
Sivaganga.

Refer please
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Bangalore District

Ms. No. 49 Dy. Commissioners' Office

Extee. Bangalore 26th November/04.

From,

D. Devaraj Urs Esquire

Deputy Commissioner

Bangalore District

To,

L. Anantasami Rao Esquire B.A.

Secretary to the Government of Mysore

Muzrai Department

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 682, dated 2nd August-1904; re the two rows of Mantapams built opposite to each other at Sivaganga, I have the honor to state that the Amildar has obtained a Mutchalika from the present occupants of the Mantapams to the effect that they are only the temporary occupants and that they have no right over them. It is also reported

reported by the Amildar that a list of Mantapams both occupied and unoccupied has been prepared and kept in the Taluk Office for reference and that necessary orders have been issued to the village Officials not to allow any body to occupy the vacant Mantapams.

2, The entire file of vernacular papers ending with Doddaballapur Division Officers' Yadi No. 454, dated 26th October 1907 is herewith forwarded for reference and kind return.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt

Dy Commissioner
Bangalore District

Madras

30.32.07

Read:— Correspondence ending with Letter no 49 dated 26 November 1907 from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dt., Submitting report on the misappropriation of Stone Mantaps belonging to the Sri Gangadhareswar aswami temple at Sivaganga. Nelamangala Taluk

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Order thereon No

~~When the~~ During the inspection of the town of Sivaganga by the Madras Secretary in March 1905 it was found that the two rows of Stone Mantaps built opposite to each

Sivaganga for the
accommodation of
devotees and pilgrims
visiting Sivaganga for
~~to~~ worshipping at the
Sri Gangadhareswaraswami
temple at the place, had
been converted into
dwelling houses and
occupied by private
individuals of that some of the
houses ~~had~~ had largely trenched
upon the main street
obstructing the free passage
of the Utsavams and
the car of the temple.
The Deputy Commissioner
was therefore requested to obtain
Muchalikas from all
the occupants to the effect
that they admit the rights
of the temple to the ownership
of the Mantaps in question
in view to avoid any future
dispute about their ownership

2. The Deputy Commr. reports that the Amildar has obtained a Mutchalika from the present occupants of the Inamtapams to the effect that they are only the temporary occupants & that they have no rights over them. He further reports that a list of Inamtapams both occupied and unoccupied has been prepared and kept in the Taluk Office for purposes of reference and that necessary orders have been issued to the village officials not to allow any body to occupy the vacant Inamtapams

2 The Deputy Commr's report is recorded.

To. The Deputy Commr, Bangalore Dt
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28/12/07
Secretary